



Gospel of Grace  
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**Grace Alone**  
**The Solas of the Reformation**  
**Part 1**  
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**Agenda**

- The definition of “grace”
- Grace and the character of God
- Our need for God’s grace
- The extent of God’s grace
- The high cost of God’s grace

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**Terms Associated With God’s Grace**

Old Testament:  
    יָרַח (noun -chein) “grace”  
    יָרַח (verb – chanan) “is gracious”  
    יָרַח (adjective – channoon) “gracious”

*To give unmerited favor:*  
Exodus 33:19 And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.”

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**Terms Associated With God's Grace**

New Testament:

χάρις (noun – charis) “grace”

χαρίζομαι (verb – Charizomai) “is gracious”

To give unmerited favor:

1 Corinthians 2:12 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things **freely given** to us by God...”

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**Grace and Mercy Together?**

We get what we  
don't deserve!

**Grace**



We don't get what  
we do deserve!

**Mercy**



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**Grace and Mercy in One Term!**

τὸ πᾶν “Chessed” = unmerited favor (consisting of grace, mercy, and love).

**Exodus 15:13**

In Your **lovingkindness** You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation.

**Numbers 14:19**

Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your **lovingkindness**, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

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**Grace and the Character of God**

**Exodus 34:6**  
Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and **abounding** in **lovingkindness** and **truth**..."

**John 1:14**  
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full** of **grace** and **truth**.

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**Grace and the Character of God**

**Exodus 34:7**  
...who keeps **lovingkindness** for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; **yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished**, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

**Psalm 89:14**  
**Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of Your throne; **Lovingkindness** and **truth** go before You.

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**Our Need for God's Grace**

**Psalm 1:5-6**  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. **6** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Psalm 5:4-5 NET**  
Certainly you are not a God who approves of evil; evil people cannot dwell with you. **5** Arrogant people cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who behave wickedly.

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### Our Need for God's Grace

**Ecclesiastes 7:20**

Indeed, **there is not a righteous man on earth** who continually does good and who never sins.

**Romans 3:10-12**

As it is written: "**There is no one righteous**, not even one; **11** there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. **12** All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

**Psalms 130:3**

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

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### Does Grace Alone Offend Us?

**John 6:64-66**

"But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. **65** And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father." **66** **As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.**

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